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XM fills a major void in commercial programming in the NYC/NJ area. There has not been a country music station since Y107 went Spanish about four years ago. They should be allowed to provide local traffic and weather. If the commercial broadcast stations are so afraid of the competition, let them play fair and square by creating original programming, eliminating broadcast cartels, and allowing more new artists on the air.

To try to block local content from satellite radio providers seems like they are now running scared.

Please allow the local content to continue.

On another matter, the rule allowing multiple ownership of broadcast stations has ruined radio. There is uniformity of programming (all dull and mediocre) nationwide and only "pay to play" for big name artists. Instead of trying to stop satellite radio, the FCC should be going after the "consultants" which pay stations to play music. The FCC has created the OPEC of broadcasters which allow the cartel of Infinity, Clearchannel, Westinghouse, Viacom, etc. to control all the airwaves.